



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

February 11, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Grun called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Haugen led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were Councilmember President Greg Grun, Councilmembers Dickhoff, Grimnes, Haugen, Houchens, Hyde, McMillan, Moir, Pellegrini and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Durney and Councilmember Miller.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers, Fire Chief Ray Pumphrey, City Librarian Mary Thornton, City Attorney Steve Johnson, Finance Director Mike Folkers and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

Council observed a moment of silence for the tragedy in Kirkwood, MO.

COMMUNICATIONS

Bike Path

Mr. Brian Sterling provided information to the Council regarding a proposed 10 mile bike path throughout the City of Hoquiam.

Road Problem

Mr. Gene Butcher spoke to the Council regarding the road to his business. He asked the Council for their assistance in solving the problem he is having with the condition of the road. Councilmember Moir stated that he spoke briefly with Mr. Shay today and that Mr. Shay will work with the Street Department to get this put on a regular cycle for grading and maintenance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hyde moved for the approval of items a and b on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The Council minutes of the January 28, 2008;
- The Regulatory report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 62919 through 62931 in the amount of \$3,426; payroll check numbers 20550 through 20736 in the amount of \$471,017.98; and check numbers 20612 through 20620 in the amount of \$3,754.68; and US Treasury Deposits in the amount of \$83,010.46.



The motion for approval of the Consent Agenda passed by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Safety Committee
Stop Sign**

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation that a stop sign be erected on 21st Street, northbound at the intersection of Simpson Avenue (North), below the Simpson Avenue bridge. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the report. The motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed. Chief Myers explained the problem at this intersection, after which Council approved the motion by voice vote.

**Amendment to Criminal
Code**

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation that the City adopt an Ordinance which incorporates by reference a new statute prohibiting the making or possessing of motor vehicle theft tools, per RCW 9A. 56.063. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded. Chief Myers provided information on the RCW. A brief discussion followed and the motion passed by voice vote.

**Watershed Committee
Forester Update on Storm
Damage**

Mr. Don Hurd, the contract forester for the City of Hoquiam, presented information to the council regarding the storm damage at the Watershed. There are approximately 400 acres of blowdown. He reviewed proposed timber sales and scale sales that the city is considering to salvage some of the damaged timber. The bulk of the damage was at Davis Creek. The trees down are predominantly hemlock.

OFFICER REPORTS

Bridge Closure

Chief Myers provided a brief update to the Council regarding the Simpson Avenue Bridge closure. The closure will begin on February 19, 2008. DOT held a public meeting on February 5th to answer questions that the citizens and businesses might have. The detour will run down Riverside which will become a two way street for the duration of the repairs which are scheduled to last for approximately 10 weeks. The DOT will provide assistance to cover overtime for the Police Department during the closure.



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LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

**Amendment to Criminal
Code – Motor Vehicle
Theft Tools**

An Ordinance relating to criminal law; and amending Section 5A.15.010 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the Ordinance. The motion was seconded. There were no questions and following the second reading, the motion to approve this ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Temporary Suspension of
Sections to the Sign
Ordinance Due To Bridge
Closure**

An Ordinance relating to the regulation of signs; temporarily suspending Section 2.28.070 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code to allow for the placement of sandwich board signs during the period of the closure of the Simpson Avenue Bridge. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for adoption of this ordinance. The motion was seconded. This ordinance came about due to the businesses in the downtown looking for ways to improve signage and direct visitors to the downtown area during the bridge closure. The motion for approval passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Temporary Suspension of
Parking Restrictions in
Certain Areas due to
Bridge Closure**

An Ordinance relating to the regulation of parking; temporarily suspending Subsection (1), (2), (3), (5), (6) and (7) of Section 7.80.050 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code to allow for the parking of motor vehicles for periods longer than specified in those Subsections during the period of the closure of the Simpson Avenue Bridge. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Grimnes asked why we would do away with the 2 hour parking restriction. This would allow for someone visiting the downtown to park their car and shop at several businesses. The question was raised by Councilmember Dickhoff if there was a way to extend the parking limit rather than open it for all day. Mr. Johnson stated that this would be hard to enforce. Councilmember Dickhoff held the floor for Mr. Bob Esposito who asked how the parking would be regulated if an employee chose to park all day in front of where they worked. Issues with employee parking would be regulated by the businesses. Councilmember Houchens stated that we should support anything that will help the business owners during the detour time. Following the second reading, the Ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.



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Resolutions

**Declaring Water
Department Property
Surplus**

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Section 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. The Resolution declares property owned by the Water Department as surplus. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of the Resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Declaring Firearms
Surplus**

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Section 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. The Resolution declares various firearms owned by the Police Department as surplus. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for adoption of the Resolution. The motion was seconded. Councilmember McMillan asked if a firearm had no serial number, should that firearm be sold. Chief Myers stated that the particular firearm in question has had the serial number removed, but the number can be reinstated through ATF. If the Department destroys a firearm, we must pay the State \$25.00 for each one we destroy. The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

Other Legal

**HDR Engineering – Hazard
Mitigation Plan**

An agreement with HDR Engineering to perform planning services on a Hazard Mitigation plan for the City of Hoquiam. The City received a \$55,000 grant to cover planning costs for this plan earlier this year. HDR has agreed to complete the work as outlined. By completing this plan we will be able to apply for hazard mitigation grants in the future. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for approval of this contract and to authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Award of Bid – Library
Heatpump**

Staff requests that Council award the bid for the library heatpump to Actionaire as the lowest bidder. The bidding package requested a bid for replacement of the fan unit only and a separate bid for replacement of the fan and air handler. Three bids were received as follows: Actionaire: \$2250 for fan only; \$5775 for fan and air handler; Robbins Air: \$3,718 for fan only; \$6,389 for fan and air handler; Harbor Ventilation: \$3,950 for fan only; \$8,950 for fan and air handler. None of the above bids included tax. Councilmember McMillan moved to award the bid to Actionaire to replace the



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OLD BUSINESS

3rd Ward Council Vacancy

fan unit and the air handler for the amount of \$5,775 plus tax. The motion to approve the bid passed by voice vote.

The City has received five letters of interest for the vacant Council position in the third ward. Each candidate was invited to attend the meeting and speak briefly telling the Council something about themselves and why they were interested in serving on the council.

Ms. Carla Striefel, 121 Emerson Avenue, stated that she is a small business owner in our community. She has always been involved in the community, is a member of Hoquiam Development Association, and the mother of five. She will work hard for the citizens if she is selected.

Mr. Bill Nelson, 815 5th Street, stated that he currently works at Stafford Creek and he wants to be involved in the community that he lives in.

Mr. Don Oliver, 815 2nd Street, stated that he has lived in Hoquiam most of his life. He has an interest in politics and believes he would be a good addition to the Council. He would like to be involved in the community.

Ms. Barb Travers, 132 Karr, stated that she believes people should be involved. She worked for the City for several years and believes she could be a good addition to the Council.

Ms. Tara Wingate, Hoquiam, stated that she serves as a volunteer throughout the county and city. She has worked with ARC and the Special Olympics. She is excited about the opportunities coming into the community and would like to have the opportunity to serve the citizens in this capacity.

Councilmember McMillan moved to recess the regular meeting and move into Executive Session for a period of 15 minutes to allow the Council to discuss the qualifications of the candidates. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote at 8:45 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:47 p.m. Councilmember McMillan thanked all of the citizens who



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applied for the position. He moved to nominate all five candidates. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Councilmember McMillan asked that Council take a voice vote on their choice of candidate. At the end of the first round of voting council will take another vote on the top two candidates to fill the position of the vacant third ward position. He again thanked all of the candidates for applying. At the end of the first round of voting, the top two candidates were Carla Streifel and Bill Nelson. Voting for Ms. Streifel were Councilmembers Grun, Haugen, Hyde, Pellegrini, Winkelman, Dickhoff and Grimnes. Voting for Mr. Nelson were Councilmembers McMillan and Moir; and voting for Ms. Travers was Councilmember Houchens. Ms. Streifel received 10 votes in the second round of voting and she will appointed to fill the vacancy at the next meeting.

Excuse Absent Members

Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse the absent member. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Meetings

Councilmember Haugen announced that the Public Utilities Committee will meet on Feb 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council chambers. HDR engineering will be in attendance to discuss upcoming projects.

Councilmember Moir announced that the Watershed Committee will meet on an as needed basis regarding the upcoming salvage sales with proper notice to the public.

Chief Pumphrey stated that they have contacted DOT regarding assistance with overtime for the Fire Department to staff a 3rd person at the Eastside Station during the bridge closure. He will report back to council when he hears more.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – MAYOR

TRACY WOOD, CMC – Council Secretary



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